Stonewall

Stonewall, June 19.- The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. S. E. Anderson last Monday. There was a good attendance.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Church met at the church on last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Moore spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, at Brookneal.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes have returned home after a vacation in Eastern Virginia.

The Rev. L. F. Callaham has concluded the revival at the Bethel Church. He preached wonderful sermons which were enjoyed by all who heard them. He, with his good wife visited in the homes of the neighborhood during the week. They are always welcomed guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick. In addition to being Father's Day it was also the birthday of Mr. Chick. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson also called to wish him a happy day.

Misses Betsy and Bertha Wheeler have returned home from a visit with their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler in Richmond.

Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr. and daughter, Kathy are both on the sick list. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

Miss Frances Jennings, of Charlottesville spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Parks Jennings.

Miss Arlene Drinkard spent last week with relatives at Trinity and helped in the Bible School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and Linda Sue spent their vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Drinkard, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and children, Aubrey Lee Burnette, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Burnette, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Mrs. Marvin Taylor had a birthday last Sunday. We wish her many more happy ones.

Miss Elsie Thornhill, who taught school at Waynesboro has returned home to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thornhill. Mr. Thornhill who has been sick, is much better.

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Route One

Route One, June 19.- Mrs. Tommie O'Cull was hostess on Wednesday to the Susan Haar Club. There were twelve members and five visitors present. Mrs. B. G. Anderson demonstrated egg and cheese dishes, which were served to the members, with coffee. The club will give a lawn party on Saturday evening the 23rd, at the home of Miss Emma Haar, on Highway 604. The public is invited.

Mrs. Mott Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash and family visited Mrs. Herman Guill on Sunday.

Jimmie Bishop, of N. J. is spending some time here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Arrington.

Misses Shirley and Della Nash were week-end guests of Miss Maryline O'Cull.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Megginson visited in the home of Mrs. Sam Megginson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Mullen and family were dinner guests on Sunday of Mrs. Alex Cyrus, of Stonewall.

Larry Stern is visiting this week in Altavista.

Irvin Hudson made a business trip to Washington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rolling, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Irby, Miss Jearline Woodson, of Gretna were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Irby.

Herman Marshall and family, Joe Marshall and family, of Lynchburg and Jack Marshall and family, of Stanley visited in the home of J. H. Marshall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rosser and daughter visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rector Sunday.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hudson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carwile, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Goad, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hudson and Miss Sherlie Carwile.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lance and daughter, of N. C., have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Chilton.

Mrs. Bitzer, of Wheeling, West Virginia is visiting her aunts, Mrs. Mike Johnson and Mrs. Jim Marshall.

Richwood

Richwood, June 19.- "Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close; then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourself."—Quoted.

Frank Moore has been released from the Army for a temporary period in order that he can assist on the farm. He has finished his basic training.

Mrs. Jack M. Hamilton was in Lynchburg on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mrs. Jack Hamilton and son visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bruce Paulett and children were the guests a few days last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey.

Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughter, Val visited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin and Miss Martha Jennings, of Spout Spring were guests Sunday of Miss Marvis Wooldridge.

Colored Dots

Mr. Alfred Fleshman and Miss Musie Martin, daughter of deacon and Mrs. W. C. Martin of the Long Mountain Baptist Church, were married last Saturday evening in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall.

The Harmony Four, of Sparrows Point, Md., rendered a program at Peaks Baptist Church Sunday. The amount raised was $80.00.

The general public is invited to attend a veterans program at the Galilee Baptist Church this Friday at 7:30 P. M. The program will be given by the local Veterans Class of the Carver High School, under the direction of Professor J. A. Walker. Special music will be rendered by the Kings of Harmony and the Heavenly Gospel Singers.

The funeral of Mrs. Ella Dews was held from the Promise Land Baptist Church last Monday at 2:00 P. M. The pastor, Rev. R. Q. Lawing delivered the eulogy. Resolutions were read from the church and the community by Deacon Cheatham and Mrs. M. J. Price. The church choir rendered special music. The flowers were beautiful. Burial was held in the church cemetery.

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor preached from the subject, "Power, the quest of life." All present enjoyed the message.

The funeral of Brother John Flood was conducted from the Galilee Baptist Church Wednesday at 1:00 P. M.

An impressive Fathers' Day program was held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday at 4:00 P. M. The program was given by the children of the Galilee and the First Baptist ChurchSunday Schools. Deacon Robert Craig, the oldest father in Galilee Church, was honored and given a purse on behalf of the Sunday School by Miss Hester Stevens. Remarks were made by Rev. Marshall, Deacon Robinson and the pastor.

All members of the Promise Land Baptist Church are asked to attend the regular church meeting this Saturday at 2:30 P. M. This is an important meeting and all members are requested to be present and on time.

Mrs. Lucy Stevens returned home last Friday from an extended trip to Baltimore. She was accompanied home by her children.

Reds entering air force is fighting over North Korea.

Britain moves to cut off flow of war goods to communists from Hong Kong.

Truman signs bill lowering age for draft.

Comptroller Warren says banks needs higher moral and ethical standards.

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Church Under Fire

Lesson for June 24, 1951

ABOUT two thousand Christian missionaries have been forced to leave China during 1950 and 1951. In more than one country "freedom of religion" has meant, in practice, freedom to ridicule and hinder religion.

In Spain, Protestants are forbidden to use the name "church," to meet in any building on a main thoroughfare or to worship in buildings that in any way resemble a church. In Colombia, churches have been burned by mobs without the least interference from the police. All this is bad; but it is nothing new.

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When Christian Meant Criminal

At the time the Christian religion began, it came under fire from the authorities of Jerusalem. It was to be expected that the same men who had condemned, cast out and crucified Jesus would try to stamp out his followers as well.

But one of the leading men of Jerusalem said, in effect: "If this movement is God's cause there is no use in our fighting it." It was God's cause, and so the opposition of Jerusalem not only did not stop or destroy the church but actually succeeded in spreading it.

As the new Christian religion then moved out into all parts of the Roman Empire, at first the imperial and local authorities paid it no attention; and in fact for some years it enjoyed the protection of the government. So long as it was supposed that Christianity was simply a sect of Judaism, the Roman government let it go.

But when it came out that Christianity was a new religion, and especially when it became clear that the Christians acknowledged only one Lord, and would not worship the Emperor, the Roman government began a long series of persecutions, which lasted for close to three hundred years.

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Inspiration Behind Bars

FIVE letters of Paul, including II Timothy, were written from Roman jails, and reliable tradition tells us that Paul was finally beheaded just because he was a Christian.

If you will look on a map of the Roman Empire for the places mentioned at the beginning of I Peter, you can see how widespread was the "fiery trial" which the readers of that letter were then suffering. As for the book of Revelation, its writer was, he says, "on the isle of Patmos for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Patmos Island was no resting haven for tired missionaries; it was not a missionary field either. It was a barren island, a convict camp, where many Christian missionaries, on being arrested, were sent after their trial and sentence, to work at forced labor in the mines there.

In the scenes of that book often flow with blood and blaze with fire, it is not because the writer had a lurid imagination. He might have seen with his own eyes Christian men, women and even children, with their heads chopped off by the public executioner, or dying amid the flames at the stake. Those were terrible times, and it took courage to be a Christian at all.

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The Victory

THE message of the New Testament is never optimism, but always hope. That is to say, no one in the New Testament, from Jesus in Galilee to John on Patmos, holds out any promise or picture of smooth and easy going for the Christian church.

It will have trouble, and the more faithful it is to Christ the more trouble it is likely to meet. But in the long run, Christ's true church (which means simply all those who are true to Christ) will conquer all its enemies, for the reason that it is Christ's church and not man's alone.

It has recently been reported that the Russian government has set up a smart idea. They find that the more religion is persecuted, the more stubbornly vigorous it grows. So the government has given up persecuting religion, and proposes to let it "die on the vine."

That may work; if Christians can easy a time, the church will attract only the lazy and the time-loving—which will kill off the church. But the vine will not die, only every branch is close to Christ, the ever-living Vine of God.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, June 18.- Miss Mag Hix had as her guests recently her neice, Ann Earle and son, from Texas. Also Miss Emma Earle, teacher in the city schools of Richmond.

Miss Jessie Carson is spending the summer months with her father, E. H. Carson. He also has his neice and nephew, Tom and Emma Garrett visiting for two weeks.

Mrs. G. G. Reynolds and Mrs. Lucille King, of Richmond, spent several days last week with her sisters, Mrs. J. R. Marshall and Mrs. B. G. Grinstead.

Rachel Goin, from the Hixburg Presbyterian Church leaves this P. M. for Hampden-Sydney to attend a Bible Conference.

Callers at "Walnut Shade" Sunday P. M. were Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Singleton, of Darlington Heights; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Watkins and family, of Farmville and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carson and children, of Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leatherbury spent the week-end of June 10th with her father, E. P. Sears.

Spring Mills

Spring Mills, June 14.- G. E. Owen is improving in Memorial Hospital, where he has been a patient for some time.

Mrs. Elmo Rosser has returned from Virginia Baptist Hospital after undergoing a major operation.

Mrs. Dillard Howard, who underwent an operation in the Virginia Baptist Hospital, has returned home.

Mrs. Tom Tibbs, who has been ailing for a number of years, is quite ill now.

Lawrence Monroe is ill at this writing. His neighbors finished fixing up his tobacco land and planted his tobacco Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beverley, of West Virginia, visited in the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Rosser and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Monroe during the week-end. Mr. Beverley returned home on Sunday. Mrs. Beverley remained to be with her father, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tibbs and children, of Huddleston visited relatives here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee and daughter, Barbara, of Roanoke visited in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williamson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ford, Jimmy and Jackie Ford and Mrs. Carrie Ford visited Mr. and Mrs. Mott Hendrick Sunday afternoon

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